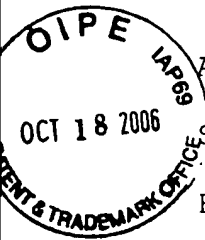


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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 312**

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 312, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the above-referenced patent application:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **APPENDIX** including newly submitted formal drawings and the originally submitted informal drawings is attached following page 8 of this paper.